

## Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Alexander Melville Bell, January 9, 1882, with transcript

Letter written by Alexander Graham Bell to his Father. Florence — January 9, 1882. My dear Father:

We are just leaving Florence for Rome and I write to let you know that we have bought a very valuable mosaic picture as a memento of our visit to Florence which will be sent to you next week payable on delivery in Georgetown in good order. We have bought it from Bosi of Florence who sends it to Georgetown at his own risk. You to pay for the mosaic, for the transportation and for the duty — the whole being consigned to you as the ostensible owner.

The price of the Mosaic is (8,000 francs) eight thousand. I don't know how much the duty or transportation will be.

I enclose a note from Babel to Charlie authorizing him to pay you whatever may be required.

I expect the picture will leave Florence in about one week. Examine the seals on the back of the picture to be certain of its identity. Copies of the seals will be forwarded from Home.

Much love,

Your affectionate son, Alexander Graham Bell. A. Melville Bell.